

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application with claims 1, 4, 6 and 14 being independent. Claims 14-19 have been withdrawn from consideration and 20-23 have been canceled. In addition, claims 1, 4 and 6 have been amended to correct a minor grammatical error.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference characters "311" and "315" have both been designated as corresponding to the silicon oxide film. Fig. 3G has been amended to correctly identify reference character 315 and to overcome this rejection. No new matter has been added.

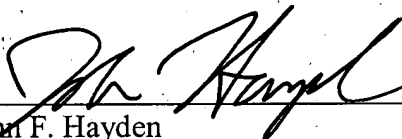
Claims 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakajima (U.S. 5,712,191) in view of King ("Polycrystalline Silicon-Germanium Thin-Film Transistors") and Makita. As applicants have canceled claims 20-23, this rejection is considered moot.

Applicants request that the instant application be allowed in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Enclosed is a \$420 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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